

## REDDING

Redding, April 8.—The last name of the man who has figured in the pauper section of every annual town report for the last 45 years under the designation of "Blind Joe" seems to be unknown to anyone in Redding. In the next report he will be the subject of one more entry varying from its predecessors by giving the cost of his burial and thus marking the close of the chapter as "Blind Joe" died a few days ago from gangrene following the freezing of his feet during one of the cold spells of the winter. He had reached the age of about 75. A resident, sometime since deceased, brought him to Redding soon after his coming to this country from native Ireland. He was then a husky lad, and a willing worker, but catarrh growth on both eyes destroyed his sight after he had been here a year or so and his only refuge was the poor house then maintained by the late "Squire" James Sanford as a pauper. He was then a husky lad, and a willing worker, but catarrh growth on both eyes destroyed his sight after he had been here a year or so and his only refuge was the poor house then maintained by the late "Squire" James Sanford as a pauper. He was then a husky lad, and a willing worker, but catarrh growth on both eyes destroyed his sight after he had been here a year or so and his only refuge was the poor house then maintained by the late "Squire" James Sanford as a pauper.

What constitutes a public service vehicle within the meaning of the state law requiring the owners to furnish a bond as an insurance of indemnity to passengers who may be injured while riding in such vehicles is a doubtful question. Probably local car owners would like to have cleared up. They are the ones who carry passengers to some extent while not making a business of it and would probably cease to be carriers were the law applied to them as the premium cost of the \$10,000 bond required for a seven passenger car is \$250. Robert Nichols, who carries the mail between the Ridge and West Redding sought information on the subject from Inspector Kirk of Berlin and was advised that it would probably be all right to take passengers over this route, but that extension of the service to other points would call for bonding. The doubt regarding the bonding is also extended as to the Federal Government law imposing a \$10 yearly tax on every motor vehicle which carries passengers for hire. The definition is not qualified in any way and payment of the tax would seem to be required for the transportation of even a single passenger, although as yet no attempt has been made to enforce it locally with such a degree of strictness.

Bills amounting to about \$700 for snow removal were approved by the selectmen at their meeting last Monday, making a total of \$1,500 which the town has expended the past winter to keep the roads open. The sum is far in excess of the cost in any previous year and will probably cause a readjustment of the appropriations already voted as the selectmen estimate \$100 for snow removal. The \$1,400 deficiency can be met by a tax rate higher than the original estimates called for and this will presumably be done at the adjourned town meeting which will be held on Monday, April 12, at 2 o'clock. The roads are getting settled rather sooner than was expected after the spring breakup although the autoist must still go warily to avoid getting mired in the occasional sloughs which remain. The Putnam Park road is again impassable.

The death of Mrs. Marion Luther, which occurred on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents in Redding Center, caused deep sorrow in the community. She was daughter of Captain and Mrs. Charles Day and her marriage to Howard Luther took place only about three months ago. Later she suffered an attack of the flu, but was convalescing when typhoid fever developed. Owing to her weakened condition the fatal termination of the illness was inevitable. Her age was 24. She was a pleasing singer and a social favorite in her numerous circle of acquaintances.

A lecture in the Community center will be delivered by John Spargo at the Ridge upon the state towards the latter part of the month. Mr. Spargo is widely known as a Socialist of the scholarly and conservative kind and since the Russian revolution and the Red agitation in this country has gained a special prominence by his warfare on Bolshevism by means of the spoken and printed word. His lecture here will be on the same lines.

On account of the same date having been originally chosen for the Democratic caucus and the meeting of the Men's club the caucus has been postponed to Friday evening of next week. The Men's club will meet the previous evening with D. S. Sanford and hear a talk by an electrical engineer belonging to the technical staff of the Stevenson Dam. Electricity generated at the dam is being supplied to Danbury over a line running through the lower part of Dogtown and affording, it is hoped, a practicable means of furnishing electric lighting for the district. The New York State Conference has resigned Rev. Danforth Lewis to the pastorate of its Center Methodist church for the coming year and also to his present pastorate in Georgetown. The appointment is very satisfactory to the Center church which Mr. Lewis was first called upon to serve through the sudden death of its former pastor. No services were held at the church on Easter Sunday on account of Mr. Lewis' auto becoming

stalled in a mud hole on the way over from Georgetown. The engagement is announced of Miss Marion Archer, niece of Captain and Mrs. H. S. Barnes, and Frank Loughlin, a high subordinate in the managerial force of the Winchester Arms Co. of New Haven. The prospective groom is a pupil of the Sanford School in 1918, coming there from Pittsburgh, where his family still live. The wedding is to take place in New Haven on June 17.

Services at the Center Congregational church, which have been mostly suspended during the winter, will be resumed on Sunday, the 18th, when Rev. Dr. Dahl of Yale Seminary is to preach. It is expected to continue Sunday services regularly thereafter by means of a temporary supply until a regular pastor can be obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Shaw recently spent a few days at their summer place at the Ridge, and expect to be established there for the season in about two weeks.

Full rehearsals for the minstrel show to be given at the Sanford School on the evening of April 23 are now being held. The show's publicity agent asks announcement of its declaration that schemes of speculators to corner the tickets are exact a premium from the public will be impartially served. The prices to the extent of the hall's seating capacity and beyond that no promises are made.

R. P. Sanford, who is about to yield possession of his store and residence at West Redding to a party to whom he recently sold the property, has rented for the summer one of the houses formerly belonging to the Todd estate. Mr. Sanford wished to remain in the locality until he could get the business relating to his lumber interests.

Mrs. Mary Peterson, locally famed as a culinary artist, will soon remove from the Center to one of the tenement houses at the Ridge belonging to Miss J. H. Sanford.

Rev. Dr. E. D. Tibbets, rector of the Episcopal church at the morning service on April 18. Hegeman, who has rented her summer place in Pleasant Valley for the past two seasons, will occupy it herself the coming summer.

Mrs. John Favreau was taken to St. Vincent's hospital last Saturday to undergo an operation for gall stones.

Proceedings for the settlement of the estate of the late Emmeline Gilbert have been begun in the probate court, preliminary to the conveyance of property at Pine Tree Corner by Charles Gilbert, the present owner, to Joseph Kratky.

D. W. Green has rented his farm property, recently vacated by Owen Gill, to Frank Favreau now of the Ridge House section.

Mrs. O. C. Banks of Bridgeport, is visiting her aunt, Miss J. H. Sanford.

George Prindle moved this week to the tenement house of Randolph Bradley on the Ridge road.

George O. Sanford bought a pair of work horses in New Milford last week.

Miss Emma Reid is visiting friends in New York for a few days.

Commodore and Mrs. Thomas J. Fiddis, who have spent the winter between Michigan, Bermuda, and New York city, are to return to their home, "The Elms," this week and as the guest, Mrs. F. Wurtzback of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mildred Wells of East Broadway, Roma and Palmer Muncie of Bridgeport, who returned home after a five days' visit with friends in New Jersey.

Frederick Lyons, editor of the Milford Citizen, who has resided at the Keller house on Rogers avenue for the past six months has purchased the Bddy house on Willow street and will move to it May 1st.

Mrs. Thomas J. Lake of Kinlock town and family are to spend a few weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Eager, of New Britain.

Miss Ida Seaton of Brooklyn, New York, has returned to her home after a pleasant vacation as guest of Mrs. Sheldon Russell of "The Star" on the water front.

Miss Katharine Brand and Miss Helen Smith returned to their studies at Smith college yesterday.

The ladies of the Althea were nearly overwhelmed with patronage at the school on Monday evening and those delegated to serve had a very active time providing for their guests.

Morritt Vanderbilt, now living in Stamford and employed in New Haven, had been elected as secretary of the New Haven Business Men's association. The association is a department of the Chamber of Commerce.

Morton P. Tibbels has been appointed a member of the finance board to take the place of the late Theodore Ford. This action is taken on the recommendation of the Democratic town committee and the selection is considered as one which will maintain the standard set by Mr. Ford.

## FIRST FUNERAL

## SHIP ARRIVES

New York, April 8.—The transport Nansemond, first American funeral ship from Europe, arrived here early today with the bodies of 87 soldiers who died in base hospitals in England during the war. Relatives and friends of the dead assembled at the dock to receive the flag draped coffins. It was planned to ship all the bodies to their final resting places during the day.

## R. R. GETS 40 LOCOMOTIVES

The following announcement was made by the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. today:

"To the extent of its financial ability, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad is increasing transportation capacity to better meet the commercial requirements. Contracts have been made for 40 large freight locomotives. They will operate on the Shore Line. This will release other engines of less capacity for service on other lines of the system for which they are well suited. The delivery of the new power is promised during July and August. Construction of the large terminals for freight trains and classification at Cedar Hill and at Providence has been resumed, and if the circumstances enable the continued prosecution of the work, both of these facilities will be largely completed by the close of the season. The new locomotives and the yard improvements if completed should greatly improve the service before the end of the present year."

## FIELD MICE WORK HAVOC

Hartford, April 8.—The state board of agriculture, at its monthly meeting at the Capitol yesterday, went on record as opposed to daylight saving and requested the secretary of the board, Leonard H. Hoar, to forward a telegram to Governor Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts asking him to veto the measure passed in that state. The full membership of the board was present at the meeting with the exception of Governor Marcus H. Holcomb and Wilson H. Lee of Orange, the latter now being in the south.

The daylight saving plan was thoroughly discussed by the board and members said that if people who live in the cities only realized the conditions of the farms they would never be in favor of turning the clocks ahead. One member said that the scarcity of farm help was partly due to the fact that manufacturing concerns are taking the farm help away, giving them higher wages. One instance was told of a farmer near New Haven, whose help was taken to a mill in Derby, where one of the farm hands, who had been on that particular farm for six years, got \$33 a week at the factory. He is now out on strike.

The matter of field mice destroying apple trees throughout Connecticut took up considerable of the time of the board one member reporting that the mice did \$20,000 damage in one county. Another member reported that \$1,000 damage was done in his town alone. Owing to the severe winter, the field mice were unable to dig through the heavy crust of ice and snow into the earth, and ate the bark of the apple trees.

## TRAINS TO GO AHEAD AN HOUR

New Haven, April 8.—No official statement has yet been made by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad as to operation of its trains to conform with daylight saving time to be adopted April 25 by Massachusetts, and many communities in Connecticut, but it is understood that train times will be advanced one hour. It will be necessary to get out new printed schedules. The railroad will continue to operate on eastern standard time but by advancing its trains one hour it will meet the situation.

## HUNTERS' LICENSES GIVE STATE \$31,373.

The state of Connecticut received \$31,373 from hunters' licenses during 1919, according to figures given yesterday by the state fish and game commission. Hartford county paid in the most, \$6,397, while New Haven county came second, with \$4,885. There were 5,917 resident licenses taken out in Hartford county, 6,005 in New Haven county, 2,936 in New London county, 5,234 in Fairfield county, 1,902 in Windham county, 2,448 in Litchfield county, 1,605 in Middlesex county, and 1,011 in Tolland county a total of 27,058. There was a total of 181 non-resident licenses taken out in the state during the year and 187 alien licenses.

## PLU IN JAPAN.

Tokio, April 8.—A striking feature of the epidemic of influenza here was the grotesque appearance of Tokyo crowds wearing all kinds of respirators, from the celluloid artificial nose to the patch of black tasteless emerald by the aesthetic school girl. Inoculation with preventive serum was tried. It is claimed with good results, though in certain cases it was said to be as fatal as the disease itself. The deaths from influenza in

"How very few states there are of real women!"  
"Yes, it's hard to get them to look right."  
"How so?"  
"A woman remaining still and saying nothing doesn't seem true to life."

## DANBURY BOY

## GIVEN FIRST ESSAY PRIZE

Springfield, Mass., April 8.—Alexander H. Printz of No. 69 Jefferson avenue, Danbury, Ct., was announced yesterday as winner of first prize in the Springfield armory essay contest for school pupils on the subject, "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the army?" The winning essay was written by the Danbury boy, who is a student of the Danbury High School. His essay was submitted from 31 cities and towns in Connecticut and from 21 cities and towns in this state.

## ASK AID ON SAVING ROADS

In the interest of holding to a minimum the already extensive damage to the improved highways of Connecticut, the State Highway Commissioner asks that members of the Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut, operating motor trucks observe the following suggestions:

"First, that the owners and operators of trucks keep the maximum load within the legal limit at all times. The legal limit is 25,000 pounds."

"Second, that at certain seasons of the year, particularly in the spring, that these loads be restricted not to exceed eight tons total load, including truck and load itself."

"Third, when any large amount of heavy trucking is to be carried over a road, information be secured from this department as to the condition of the road and the possibility of standing the character and amount of traffic to which it is proposed to be subjected."

"The loss to the state of Connecticut on account of the operation of extra heavy trucks this spring is almost impossible to compute."

## BUTCHERS WANT TEA SERVED THEM

Toronto, Ont., April 8.—The organized butchers of this city have submitted to their employers a demand that tea be served to them at 9 a. m. daily and that they be allowed 10 minutes of company time in which to drink it. They also ask for 10 minutes in the morning to don their butcher clothes and 10 more at night to dress for the street. These demands are made part of a proposed renewal of the working agreement drawn up by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen. Other requests are for a 44-hour week and a wage increase averaging 50 per cent. Packing plan managers declare these terms cannot be granted.

## N. Y. Wholesale Prices

Butter—Creamery, higher than extras, 68c@68½c, extras, 67c@67½c; dairy, tubs, finest, 64c@65c; good to prime, 58c@63c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered, extras, dozen, 47c; goose eggs, prime, dozen, 31c; 40c; goose eggs, common, dozen, 27c; duck eggs, 70c; henry whites, 53c@56c; firsts to extra firsts, 53c@58c; gathered whites, firsts to extra firsts, 53c@58c; henry browns, extras, 48c@49c gathered brown and mixed colors, extras, 47c.

## WILL DETERMINE ENGLAND'S STAND ON OCCUPATION

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With reference to a report from Washington that Italy, England and the United States were negotiating with France regarding the formation of a definite policy, Baron Salaisola said:

"It was expected we would get together on that matter today but now it is deemed necessary to postpone the conference until tomorrow. If, as reported from Berlin, a note has been presented to Germany on behalf of the allies demanding a reduction of her army to the treaty basis of 200,000 men on April 10, it must have been a move initiated by Marshal Poch, for so far as Italy is concerned there has been no such action."

## HOUSE STARTS DEBATING ON ENDING OF WAR

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Resolution was made by Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, at the close of the first phase of the treaty fight in the Senate. The resolution, however, is the first serious attempt to pass such a measure in either branch and it marked also the first entry of the House into the general treaty fight in more than an ornamental way.

There appeared to be complete confidence among Republican leaders that the resolution would be adopted substantially by a party division of the House, what its fate might be in the Senate, however, where it must also be adopted before it can go to the president for action was not so clear to these chiefs.

## TRADES UNIONS SUPPORT GOV'T

Berlin, April 8.—The social democratic trades unions here today made a public declaration that it will most energetically support the government in repelling "the unlawful French occupation of Frankfurt and other places."

The Berlin independent socialist trades union party commissaries adopted a differently worded declaration which, however, strongly condemns the French action as "violent interference in internal affairs."

## RAILROAD STRIKE

## GROWS, EXPECTED TO SPREAD WIDELY

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brotherhoods which began a week ago in Chicago, today had spread to other parts of the United States and there were indications that the series of rebellions against organization direction had not reached its crest.

East and west bound freight movement across the continent already restricted by the Chicago strikes, was hampered further by switchmen striking at such strategic gateways as Buffalo and Kansas City, and at St. Louis, Illinois, and Gary, Ind.

Strikers were threatened today at Milwaukee, St. Louis and East St. Louis, gateways to the northwest and the southeast. Strikers predicted also that 25,000 men in northern New York would join them, cutting off freight traffic from Buffalo to New York and Boston.

The Yardmen's Association, insurgent organization which called the strikes, was forming branches in numerous terminal centers, reports indicated.

H. E. Reading, general organizer of the yardmen's association, announced that the railway clerks and freight handlers' brotherhood would take strike votes Saturday. At Cincinnati 1,200 freight handlers demanded an answer by Saturday midnight to their demands for an increase in pay from 62 to 47 cents an hour.

Railroad brotherhood officers who came to Chicago to assist railroad managers to break the strike declared reports for today would reveal traffic in Chicago yards to be at least 60 per cent. normal.

The strikers, however, claimed that by tonight no switch engine would be operating in the Chicago district. Officers of the yardmen's association claimed approximately 7,500 new members had been enrolled and ten new locals formed in the Chicago district. They held to their estimate of 16,500 switchmen out in the Chicago district in addition to engineers, firemen and engine hostlers.

The insurgent engineers' association had enrolled 10,000 engineers, firemen and hostlers at Chicago, according to its officers.

Mr. Reading, who also organized the United Engineers' Association, denied, however, that engineers were on strike.

"They were not working because with the switchmen idle there is no work for engineers," he said. "Our men refused to join the switchmen. We simply joined this organization because we were tired of the old ones dominated by their officers."

The striking switchmen claimed that engineers and firemen had abandoned engines on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Chicago and Northwest, the Atchafalpa, Toledo, Peoria and Santa Fe railroads at Chicago.

A bulletin that the strike was illegal, sent out by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, was on bulletin boards of the New York Central line today.

William S. Garter, head of the firemen, and Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Engineers, joined Lee in announcing that the railroad brotherhood members carry out their contracts.

Industries throughout the Chicago district had begun to feel the effects of the strike seriously today. Packing house heads said that the total number of stockyards employees idle would be between 60,000 and 65,000 if the strike continued until Saturday. Only 80 cars of live stock were received at Chicago yards yesterday.

## ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED IN FRANKFORT

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Frankfort. This report which evidently was intended to be misleading and which produced a certain effervescence in the newly occupied regions yesterday, is absolutely without foundation."

Reichswehr forces in the Ruhr basin is reported by fugitives arriving in Frankfort, according to a Mayence dispatch to the Journal Des Debats. The fugitives added, they witnessed the shooting of all Westphalians who laid down their arms.

It is reported from Coblenz that there has been collision of French and German patrols between Bad Naunheim and Nieder Wollstein, north of Hamburg. In the exchange of shots a German officer was wounded. The report is not confirmed from other sources.

Mayence, April 8.—Agents of the French control commission discovered at Duisberg on Tuesday a battery belonging to the 62nd regiment of German regular troops which the Berlin government declared disbanded six weeks ago. It is stated the battery was similar to that of the unit commanded by General Erhardt has left Stettin for the Ruhr region.

## NAVY NEVER IN BETTER SHAPE TO ENTER WAR

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Within four days after this country entered the war representatives of the Allied admiralties were in conference with Secretary Daniels and naval officials in Washington outlining the means by which the most effective assistance could be rendered by this country, the witness declared. So far as he knew, Admiral Wilson said, every suggestion or proposition put forward by the Allied officials was promptly agreed to and efficiently carried out. The fact that the greater part of the American army was transported over 3,000 miles of water without a life being lost through the success of this co-operation, the admiral asserted.

## TWO DIVORCES GRANTED.

Samuel A. Lyon of this city was granted a divorce from Ethel Lyon of Stratford by Judge Curtis in the superior court this morning. Deserter on May 6, 1916, was the ground. The couple were married July 3, 1905.

In the divorce action, started by Catherine Gunther of Norwalk against Leslie Gunther of Norwalk State Referee Reed heard testimony that the couple were married in July, 1915. The referee will make his report to the superior court.

## FIVE MEXICAN

## OUTLAWS HUNG

El Paso, Tex., April 8.—Five Mexican outlaws, members of a party of 15 who recently raided the mining camp of John Hicks, an American, near Guadalupe Calno, Chihuahua, have been lynched by neighbors of Hicks, according to reports brought here. The bandits it was stated, rode up to the Hicks camp, disarmed the American and his Mexican workmen and carried off \$6,000 in silver bullion and all provisions of the camp. The loss of the provisions, carried many miles on muleback over rough mountain trails, so enraged the people of the vicinity that they formed a party and pursued the bandits, capturing the leader and four of his men. These were hanged to trees. The remaining ten escaped.

## MARTIAL LAW IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, April 7.—Although martial law was proclaimed here on Monday and the city is under heavy patrol by British troops, scattered fights occurred between Jews and Mohammedans Monday and Tuesday in the narrow lanes of the old city and outside the walls. Several persons were killed on both sides and about 250 were injured, most of them slightly.

When martial law was established entrance to the city was forbidden but this rule was relaxed today and normal conditions seemed to be near. The city is under the control of the commander of the Eighth Infantry Brigade of the British army.

## TURKS BURN U. S. ORPHANAGE

Constantinople, April 7.—By The A. P.—Turks have destroyed the village of Harouniye, northeast of Adana, and burned the American orphanage there. Two thousand Armenian orphans were removed under fire and taken to Adana in safety by the American Red Cross.

Y. They will probably be sent to Cyprus as the Adana district is much disturbed.

Russian communication has been restored between Adana and Aleppo. Turkish nationalists have taken over control of the village of Bardizay, on the southern side of the gulf of Ismid, about 50 miles from Constantinople. But there are few indications of trouble in Anatolia.

## DAMAD PASHA GRAND VIZIER

Constantinople, April 8.—Damad Ferid Pasha was formally inducted into office as Grand Vizier today, and announced he would, in addition, hold the portfolio of Minister of Foreign Affairs. The following cabinet has been chosen:

Minister of the Interior—Reichid Bey. Marine and War (ad interim)—Mehmed Said Pasha; Justice—Ali Ruchid Bey; Education—Fahreddin Bey; Public Works—Emal Pasha; Commerce—General Hasseln; Agriculture—Kemal Pasha; Finance—Reichid Pasha.

The new shah-ul-Islam, or the Sultan's representative in direct charge of religious affairs, is Durridade Abdulla Effendi.

## POPULATION STATISTICS.

Washington, April 8.—Population figures announced today by the Census Bureau included:

Brooklyn, Mass., 66,123, increase 9,360 or 16.3 per cent.

Auburn, N. Y., 36,142, increase 1,474 or 4.2 per cent.

Marshalltown, Iowa, 15,731, increase 2,357 or 17.6 per cent.

Memphis, Tenn., 162,351, increase 31,246 or 22.8 per cent.

Johnson City, Mo., 12,442, increase 2,240 or 46.3 per cent.

Vallejo, Cal., 16,853, increase 5,513 or 48.6 per cent.

Richmond, Cal., 16,843, increase 10,941 or 147.6 per cent.

## SMASH GAS METER.

Burglars entered the Rockaway luncheon, 397 East Main street, last night, for the second time within 10 days, and made off with an amount of change which they secured by smashing the gas meter. Entrance was gained by breaking the rear window.

## WOULD DISOWN WIFE'S CHILD

Claiming that he was not the father of a child born to his wife in 1915, Harry J. Robinson of this city, appeared before State Referee Joel H. Reed this morning to ask for a divorce from Florence Hendrick Robinson of Everett, Mass. Mrs. Robinson, who is contesting her husband's petition, denied Robinson's charge.

She said Robinson forced her to leave a Roxbury, Mass., hotel while she was in a delicate condition and that same day he deserted her in a Boston subway station because she refused to return to her own home.

"If you don't go back there you can go to—," the wife testified Robinson said. Two days later Mrs. Robinson became a mother.

Mrs. Robinson denied she neglected her children, as her husband claimed, and she also denied there was anything improper about her life in the home of a man named Brown in Peabody, Mass., where she is employed as housekeeper. She testified that Robinson deserted her in March, 1915, because he did not want to support the children.

A jury in the common pleas court yesterday afternoon found in favor of Reed. Carsten of this city in a suit brought against him by Simon Zallinger of this city. Zallinger sued for \$800 damages, claiming his automobile was almost wrecked in a collision with Carsten's car on Park avenue in 1915. Carsten denied any negligence.

## CHARGES MADE AGAINST POLICE

## One Patrolman Has Resigned—Other Is Suspended.

Sensational charges made against Patrolmen Martin Griffin and Clifford Gorgas, by a Norwalk young woman who was recently arrested here, resulted yesterday in the resignation of Griffin and the temporary suspension of Gorgas from the local Police department.

This action was taken at a special meeting of the Board of Police commissioners which was held yesterday afternoon, at which time the girl entered charges of immorality against the policemen. Griffin admitted his guilt, but Gorgas denied the charges and refused to resign. He will be arraigned for trial before the commissioners April 15.

According to information secured this morning, it seems that the Norwalk woman was arrested a short time ago by local detectives and upon being grilled by the authorities told a story which implicated the two policemen. The girl was originally taken into custody on a technical charge of breach of the peace.

According to Gorgas' story, he and Griffin were standing in East Main street near Hiram avenue when the girl came along. Griffin and the girl had a conversation, and then went in opposite directions. Gorgas claims that Griffin returned later and asked him to make an appointment for him (Griffin) with the girl if she returned. Gorgas said that the girl came back and he made the appointment with her for Griffin. Beyond making the appointment, Gorgas claims to be innocent of any misconduct. He has refused to make a statement except to the police commissioners.

Martin Griffin, was appointed to the police force April 1, 1913, and was on duty in the Second precinct. Patrolman Clifford N. Gorgas was appointed July 28, 1911. He served with the force for about 15 years and was always conducted the duties of this department very efficiently. He was recently transferred to the Second precinct, where he has been doing traffic duty.

The woman who preferred the charges against Griffin and Gorgas, is about 15 years of age and at the time of her arrest gave her address as Norwalk. She had been noticed in the streets of the East Side for some time, and was finally taken into custody by detectives on a bench of peace charge. She was detained by the authorities until an examination of her mental condition could be made, and it was during an official questioning that she broke down and told of her actions with the two officers.

Police officials refused to discuss the case this morning, but it is not believed that any members of the department except the two already mentioned will be implicated by the girl's story.

## LARGE YIELD OF WINTER WHEAT

Washington, April 8.—Production of winter wheat this year was forecast today at 433,617,000 bushels and by 75,941,000 bushels by the department of agriculture which based its estimate on the acreage planted last December, allowing for average abandonment and assuming average in harvest.

Condition of winter wheat April 1 was 75.4 and 75.3 per cent. of a normal.

Winter wheat production last year was 721,636,000 bushels and the previous year 565,099,000 bushels. Rice production last year was 38,470,000 bushels and the previous year 34,490,000 bushels.

Condition of winter wheat a year ago was 99.3 per cent. of a normal two years ago 78.6, and the April 1 average for the last ten years was 84.1 per cent.

## INVESTIGATES DEATH OF BOY

Whether boys 13 years old can be held guilty of criminal negligence is the question involved in the case of George Fredericks, the eight year old Norwalk boy who was shot and killed yesterday while playing near Reens Manzi and Pasquale Gassio. Although a local newspaper stated that the youngsters were playing "William Tell" with the Fredericks boy holding the apple to be shot at, Coroner Phelan stated that the young Fredericks was not with the other boys.

Fredericks and some companions were playing under some trees and Manzi and Gassio were nearby experimenting with a loaded revolver. One of the boys, whose identity had not been determined by the coroner, fired in the general direction of the trees and Fredericks fell, mortally wounded. The coroner will go to Norwalk again on Friday to continue his investigation of the fatality. He said that the extreme youth of the two accused made the question of criminal negligence a delicate one.

## Y. D. BISHOP DIVORCE.

Yale D. Bishop, known to many Bridgeport residents as the proprietor of the Colonade restaurant at South Rock, and of the Bishop's hotel in New Haven, has been sued for divorce by Inez Wakefield Bishop of New Haven. The wife says Bishop owns property worth \$100,000 and she asks for alimony. Intolerable cruelty is the ground upon which the wife asks for a decree.

T. E. LAKE SUED FOR DIVORCE.  
Thomas E. Lake of Milford, son of Simon Lake, submarine inventor and head of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., has been sued for divorce by Gladys E. Lake. The wife alleges infidelity, but does not name any co-respondent. The Lakes were married July 3, 1909. They have three minor children and the wife asks for the custody of all. The couple have a fine home in Milford and are also well known in this city. The divorce action will be tried in the New Haven county Superior Court.